

Announcement

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Shelley Spence takes office as Ontario's new Auditor General

(Toronto) On January 8, Shelley Spence took office as the 14th Auditor General of Ontario. She is appointed for a 10-year term by Order of the Legislative Assembly, after being unanimously recommended by a bipartisan panel of MPPs announced in December 2023.

"I have a passion for public service and aim to focus on positive outcomes for government and its programs to make a positive difference for Ontarians," said Ms. Spence. "As a fully independent office, our recommendations to government will focus on accountability for the sound management of provincial resources."

She brings to the role more than 30 years of professional experience in audit, oversight and governance as a Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant and Licensed Public Accountant in the public sector, and as a successful entrepreneur for 20 years. Most recently, Ms. Spence was Partner with Deloitte LLP, where she helped to oversee the Government and Public Service Assurance practice. She has consulted for hundreds of public and private sector clients, and has extensive experience with federal, provincial and municipal governments, agencies, government business enterprises and the broader public sector, including consulting for the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario for 12 years.

Ms. Spence would like to thank Nick Stavropoulos, for his service as Acting Auditor General for the past four months, and extends her thanks to former Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk, whose term ended in September 2023. She is very much looking forward to working with the team.

Outside of work, Ms. Spence enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, and has a passion for the outdoors.

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